Arlandria Action Plan Advisory Group

Collaboratively Implementing the Vision of the Arlandria Plans

Meeting #1
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
6:30PM
Cora Kelly Recreation Center, Rooms A & B

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Allison Cryor DiNardo  Community-serving organization - St. Rita’s Parish
David Fromm  Del Ray Citizens Association
Elsa Rivera  Tenants and Workers United
Jack Stevens  Lenox Place
Jill Eber  Del Ray Business Association
Joe Heller  Commercial Property Owner
John Nande  Chirilagua Co-op/Chirilagua Community
John Starcher  Warwick Village Citizens Association
Judy Noritake  Four Mile Run Joint Task Force
Kevin Beekman  Arlandria Civic Association
Kevin Do  Small Business Owner - Fashion K City
Kristin Langykkle  Arlandria Neighborhood Health Services
Leo Sarli  Arlington County Resident
Lynn Brautigan  At-large condo association or HOA - Beverley Hills Manor HOA
Maribel Castellon  Presidential Greens Property Owner/Manager
Melissa Watson  Lynhaven Civic Association
Nick Partee  Hume Springs Citizens Association
Nina Weissburg  Commercial Property Owner - Safeway
Pat Miller  Arts Community Representative
Paula Coleto or Celia Coleto  Latino Business Owner - Huscaran Restaurant
Roy Priest, ED or designee  Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA)
Shelley Murphy  Affordable Housing Advocate - Welsey Housing Development Corporation
Stephanie Babin  Mount Jefferson Civic Association
Steve Weinstock  Commercial Property Owner - Mt Vernon Village Center
Tim Ahern  North Ridge Citizens Association
Wilma Probst Levy  Brighton Square Citizens Association
Goals/Mission of the Arlandria Action Plan Advisory Group

• To orient members to the role, mission and tasks of the Advisory Group

• To provide information on current and future projects within the neighborhood

• To review the existing plan, discuss priorities, and consider if there are any barriers to development

• To set future agendas and tasks for the Advisory Group
Tasks of the Arlandria Action Plan Advisory Group

- Advise City staff on the priority of each of the identified public improvements that were identified and recommended in the Arlandria Plan.

- Make recommendations to the City regarding spending priorities and public improvement project phasing.

- Make certain design-related recommendations, such as streetscape, park design and programming, and the design and placement of historical interpretive signs or markers; recognizing that some technical or code issues cannot be open to debate.

- Effectively represent the respective group that each member represents. Speak on behalf of the group’s interests. Communicate with and update the group on progress and activities of the AG.

- Recommend specific criteria for types and locations of retail businesses to be recruited and supported with loans or other incentives.
Tasks of the Arlandria Action Plan
Advisory Group

• Participate in the Four Mile Run Park planning process.

• Work with City staff to monitor on-going development

• Contribute to an annual “Status of Implementation” report to City Council.

• Host a periodic “Status of Implementation” public open house for the community

• Work with City staff to earmark funds for improvements within the neighborhood

• Liaise with the Code Compliance Group (lead by Office of Building & Fire Code Administration and Alexandria Police Department) on quality of life issues

• Additional tasks, as assigned by the City Council, relevant to the implementation of the Arlandria Plan
Overview of Arlandria Plans

- Background of Arlandria Planning Process
- 2003 Action Plan Recommendations
- Additional Tasks: Work Program (per City Council, 2009)
- Accomplishments – to – Date
Background of Arlandria Planning Process

- “Upper Potomac West Task Force Report” (2001)
  - Safeway/Datatel
  - East Reed Avenue residential properties
  - Neighborhood-wide issues
- Work Program (per City Council, 2009)
  - Implementation of Arlandria Action Plan
  - Establish Advisory Group
2003 Action Plan Recommendations

- Intersection improvements along Mount Vernon Avenue
- Undertake a traffic study
- Pedestrian enhancements
- Historic Preservation
- Four Mile Run Park site improvements, enhance access and visibility to Park
- Encourage sidewalk cafes
- Installation of banners, brick pavers, and street trees
- Creation of a Neighborhood Retail Zone
- Parking installation
- Extension of Four Mile Run Rd into Four Mile Run Park
- Acquire 4 parcels adjacent to Four Mile Run Park
- Continue Code Enforcement activities
Additional Tasks: Work Program (FY2010)

- Establish Arlandria Advisory Group
- Review and implement Arlandria Plan
- Assess redevelopment market potential
- Explore potential benefits of an Arts District
- Empower community residents and businesses to plan and implement community-led projects (tree planting, beautification, wayfinding, etc)
Accomplishments-to-Date

- Adopted new NR zoning
- Adopted CDD #6: Mt. Vernon Village Center/Birchmere
- Adopted CDD #12: Safeway-Datatel
- Streetscape improvements
- Interim planting and improvements in Four Mile Run Park
- Four Mile Run Restoration Plan (2006)
- Acquisition of 4 parcels adjacent to Four Mile Run Park
Accomplishments-to-Date

• Interim improvements at Mt. Vernon/Russell Intersection
• Façade improvements
• Four Mile Run Design Guidelines (2009)
• Established Arlandria Action Plan Advisory Group
• Conceptual designs of intersection improvements at Mt. Vernon/W. Glebe & Mt. Vernon/Reed